THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Complaints against Cantonment Board employees are looked into by the respective Cantonment Boards who alone are competent to take disciplinary action against them if the cause for such action can be established.

A complaint of one Shri Ved Gupta, dated 22-9-1991, alleping amassing of wealth by the Assistant Engineer, Dehradun Cantonment Board, was received by the Chief Executive Officer of the Board. As the complaint was a general nature without specific details of assets alleged to be owned, it had not been possible to proceed further in the matter.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Replacement of Aircraft carrier "Vikrant"

3159. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to replace the Air Craft Carrier 'Vikrant' with light aircraft carrier by the end of the decade, if so, what will be its tonnage and how many aircrafts and helicopters it can accommodate;

(b) whether it will be totally indigenous, both in design and construction; and

(c) whether Government have entered into prelimenary study contract with a French firm in 1988 for the air-craft carrier.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Impact of global positioning system on Mapping technique

3160. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Hindustan Times', New Delhi dated the 24th November, 1991 captioned "Maps outmoded by satellite";

(b) if so, the impact of the Global Positioning System (GPS) on the traditional mapping technique; and

(c) the steps being taken to promote the use of GPS systems both for defence and commercial uses?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) Any mapping process consists of a number of steps such as provision of ground control, photogrammetric compilation using aerial photography and satellite imagery, ground verification, mapping and printing etc. The Global Positioning System (GPS) only helps in expediting the provision of ground control. The subsequent steps remain unchanged. It will not be in the interests of national security to disclose further details, in so far as application of GPS for defence uses is concerned.

Medical Reimbursement to army officers

3161. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether amount spent on operations conducted by Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases, Madras Medical Mission, Madras, in respect of army officers and their families are not reimbursed even in emergency cases;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of cases of reimbursements in respect of defence personnel pending for more than two years together with for reasons therefor;

(d) the number of cases of reimbursement pending for open heart surgery (Paediatric Cardia Surgery) codnucted by the Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases, Madras especially on a baby on the 11th October, 1988 together with reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the cases are likely to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Army Officers and their families are normally expected to avail themselves of the facilities available at Military Hospitals only. However, in cases of requirement of specialised treatment, certain private Hospitals have been approved by the Government for facilities not available in Military Hospitals. In such cases, re-imbursement of cost is allowed subject to certain terms & conditions. The Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases and Madras Medical Mission, Madras, are not included in the list of recognised hospitals for the purpose of re-imbursement. Whenever, due to emergency, an officer or a member of his family takes treatment in an unapproved hospital, re-imbursement of the medical expenses is considered on the merits of the case, in relaxation of the normal rules.

(c) to (e) According to a report of the Director General Armed Forces Medical Services, only one case of reimbursement is pending for more than 2 years. The case pertains to an operation carried out on the son of an officer on 20th July 1989 in Vijya Hospital, Madras, which is also not included in the approved list. The reasons for not getting the operation done at Appollo Hospital, Madras, which is a recognised Hospital, have been called for from the officer. No case of re-imbursement for an open heart surgery performed on a baby on 11th Oct. 1988 at the Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases, Madras, has come to the notice of Government.

राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी में धन का गबन

3162. **श्री शांति त्यागी** : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी, पुणे में लाखों रुपयों के गबन का मामला प्रकाश में आया है जिसमें ऐसी फर्मों को भुगतान किये गये हैं जिनका अस्तित्व ही नहीं है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में अब तक क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी, पुणे द्वारा लगभग 5.5 लाख रुपए की लागत के कम्प्यूटरों तथा उसके हिस्से-पुर्जों की खरीद में की गई कुछ अनियमितताएं सरकार के ध्यान में लाई गई है।

(ग) तथ्यों का पता लगाने के लिए नवम्बर, 91 में लेखा-परीक्षा की गई है जिसने दो सप्लायरों के पतों पर संदेह व्यक्त किया है । उक्त लेखा परीक्षा के निष्कर्षों के आधार पर एक जांच अदालत गठित करने के आदेश दिये गये हैं ।

Production of Strategic Electronics

3163. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of Strategic Electronics during the last three years and till date;

(b) whether the prduction of Strategic Electronics is adequate to meet the requirements of Defence and Civilian Ministries in the area of radar, navigational aid and allied fields; and

(c) if not, what steps Government propose to take to meet these requirements as stated in part (b) above?